

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21, 48 and 49 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended and claim 47 is canceled. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action indicates that claims 48 and 49 are allowed and that claim 47 contains allowable subject matter. The indication of allowable subject matter is acknowledged with appreciation.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 5-8, 10, 12-14 and 19-21 under U.S.C. §102(e) over Farccaroli (U.S. Patent No. 6,549,768). The Office Action also rejects claims 2-4, 9, 11 and 15-18 under U.S.C. §103(a) over Farccaroli. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

By this Amendment, the features of allowable claim 47 have been added to independent claim 1. Claim 47 is then canceled. Because claim 47 was indicated to contain allowable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 is allowable. Claims 2-21 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for the same reasons, and for the additional features which they recite. For all these reasons, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,

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